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SUBJECT: FSLN SUSPECTS TO BE TRIED IN COMMON COURTS

REF: MANAGUA 3451

1. THE GON HAS DECIDED TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST MONICA BALTODANO AND DR. MOISES GONZALEZ (SEE REFTTEL) IN DISTRICT COURT OF MATAGALPA. BALTODANO, A SELF-IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE FSLN WHO WAS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS A COLLABORATOR IN TESTIMONY BY FSLN LEADER TOMAS BORGE, IS IMPLICATED IN AN ATTACK AGAINST A GUARDIA PATROL JEEP. GONZALEZ, ALSO IMPLICATED IN THAT ATTACK, HAD EARLIER BEEN INVESTIGATED BEFORE A MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR FSLN COLLABORATION BUT RELEASED. HE IS NOW CHARGED WITH HAVING MADE HIS CAR AVAILABLE FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES AND HAVING AUTHORED A COMMUNIQUE DEMANDING THE LIBERTY OF FSLN PRISONERS.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST EVIDENCE SINCE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL

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LAW OF THE GON'S PREPAREDNESS TO USE ORDINARY RATHER THAN MILITARY COURTS FOR FURTHER FSLN CASES. THIS WILL BE A TEST CASE OF WHETHER THE GON CAN FORMULATE A CRIMINAL OR CIVIL CASE AGAINST FSLN SUSPECTS AND OBTAIN CONVICTIONS. PREVIOUS ARGUMENTS WITHIN THE GON AGAINST LIFTING MARTIAL LAW HAVE BEEN THAT THE ORDINARY COURTS WOULD BE UNRELIABLE.

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